

Andrew Jackson to John Sevier, January 6, 1806, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN SEVIER.

Hermitage January 6th 1806.

Sir, I have now the Honour to inclose you a return of my divisions agreeable to your order of the 29th of November last made out in conformity with my order of the 17th. u[l]timo.

In my note to you of the 2nd instant, I mentioned the cause of the delay, and the measure adopted by me on that occasion. I flatter myself it will have a good effect and prevent the like causes in future.

Should any immergency require a call of the militia from our state, will you permit me to suggest, that I have no doubt but the compleat cota called for can be made up by volunteers. should the contemplated march be distant, this mode will prevent the inconveniences arising that may happen from Drafts. from the time of service pointed out for the militia by law, when they were most wanted in the field of action and at the seat of war their time of service might expire, and the cause suffer much from the event. Should these Ideas meet yours, would it not be well to make it known to the department of war. In my division I have no doubt but from Twenty five hundred to three thousand could be brought into the field of volunteers all active healthy young men in three weeks from marching order received. Should this plan be thought advisable, and orders for the purpose, this volunteer corps could be enrolled and held in compleat and perfect order to march at a minutes warning.

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